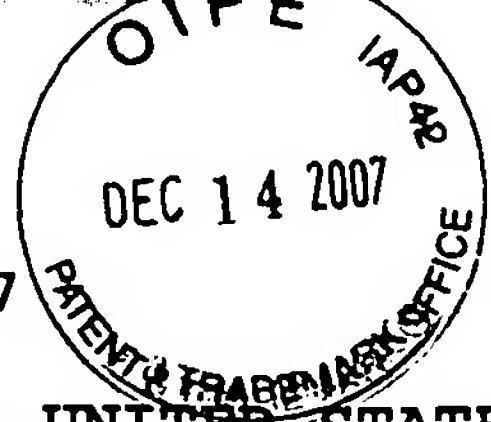


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## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2007, Applicant hereby responds to the Restriction Requirement by electing Group I, claims 1 - 4, 11 and 12 without traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the above is fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement. Further, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly requested.

Respectfully submitted

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